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Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 July, in which you request that the Army personnel authorization to Central Intelligence Agency be increased by  officers.

While the need for the assignment of military personnel to Central Intelligence Agency is fully appreciated, it is the opinion of the Department of the Army that a decision relative to the method of meeting a requirement for officers of the National Military Establishment by your Agency rests with the Secretary of Defense. This is particularly true when such large numbers of officers are involved.

Accordingly, your request has been referred to the Secretary of Defense with the recommendation that he indicate the total number of officers which should be authorized to Central Intelligence Agency and the ratio in which each Service should participate.

Upon receipt of this information from the Secretary of Defense, you will be notified of final action upon your request.

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